

## House Resolution No. 686

**Whereas**, the Springfield R-XII School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2005, with the retirement of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jack C. Ernst, Jr., who has devoted thirty-four years of his life to the education of this nation's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Ernst has served six years as Superintendent of Schools for the Springfield R-XII School District, where he is held in high esteem for his overall competence and successful leadership; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Dr. Ernst has touched the lives of countless youngsters by serving in various teaching and administrative positions in Washington, Florida, and Missouri; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure as Superintendent of the Springfield R-XII School District, Dr. Ernst has compiled an enviable list of major accomplishments, a few of which include developing the District Accountability Plan, enhancing the Spring Leadership Institute, earning a District a Distinction in Performance Award two years in a row, and establishing the First Day event, a comprehensive District Master Plan, and the StarCatcher system; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Ernst earned a Bachelor's degree at Washington State University, a Master's degree at the University of Washington, and a Doctor of Education degree at Seattle University; and

**Whereas**, Jack Ernst has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include water sports on Lake Taneycomo, sandy beaches and good seafood in Mexico, and Indian pottery and sunsets in Sedona, Arizona; and

**Whereas**, Jack Ernst has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Sherlene; four children; and one special grandson, Finnigan:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Springfield R-XII School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Dr. Ernst has rendered to this nation's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Jack C. Ernst, Jr., as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sara Lampe  
District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 686, adopted February 21, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker